

Working Group for Monitoring Owls in Alaska

- Group established at Jan 2001 BFIP meeting
 - Concern over the use of singing surveys to monitor owls
 - Concern over the use of nest boxes to monitor cavity nesting owls
- Met in Fairbanks August 2001—discussed goals of group
 - Review current methodologies used for monitoring
 - Develop recommendations for future owl monitoring in AK
- Team Members: Carol McIntyre (NPS), Anna-Marie Benson (ABO), Julie Peterson (ABR), Bob Ritchie (ABR), John Shook (ABR), Ted Swem (FWS), Todd Trapp (FWS), John Wright (ADFG), Debbie Nigro (BLM)
- Products—2001 progress report
 - Review by species of current monitoring techniques
 - List of resources available regarding owl monitoring

- Since Jan 2002.....
 - No real progress, group members very busy with other commitments
- What is needed???
 - Review of what has been done and what is left to do
 - Consensus on direction group need to move in
 - Recommitment of time from group members
 - New Group Members!!!!!!